



New Orleans Public Television
2023 Annual Report

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Art, Anniversary & Awards !

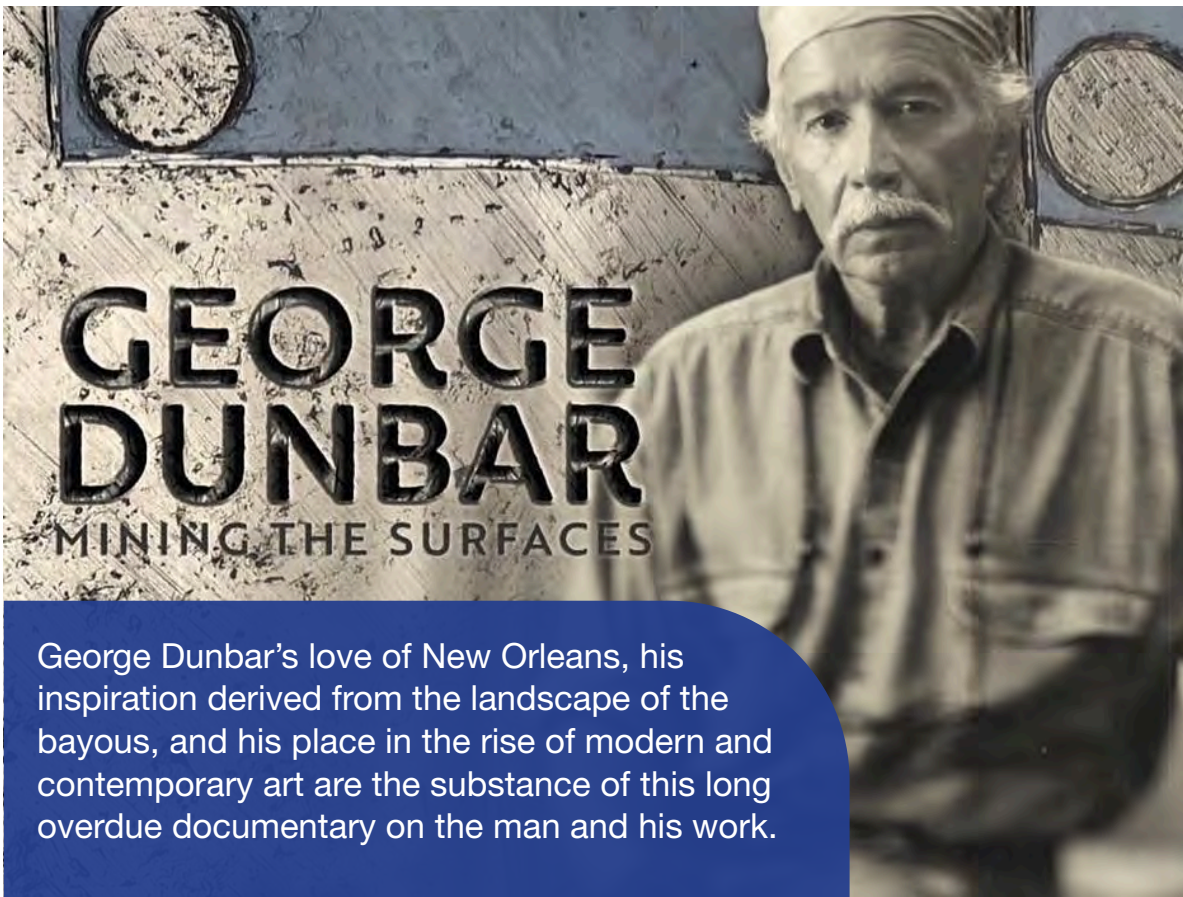
For those who know the artist and his work, the name George Dunbar brings a career, a work ethic, a personality and a lifelong journey into vivid focus.



Our world and church have changed over the last century, but in that same 100 years Notre Dame Seminary has fulfilled a dream of providing an extraordinary place for priestly formation.

Local, regional and national recognition for an emotionally harrowing story of one of the oldest Black neighborhoods in New Orleans that was razed during the Civil Rights struggles 60 years ago.





George Dunbar's love of New Orleans, his inspiration derived from the landscape of the bayous, and his place in the rise of modern and contemporary art are the substance of this long overdue documentary on the man and his work.

In 2023, WLAE produced the film **George Dunbar – Mining the Surfaces**. The program featured the still-living and creating 96-year-old artist and his various artwork periods. Renowned among collectors, museums and institutions, George Dunbar is a gift to the world of beauty he inhabits having his works called vigorous, immaculate and an effort toward perfection.

WLAE hosted two public screenings of the film. The first one held at the New Orleans Museum of Art attracted over 250 guests, friends, family members and underwriters of the film. The second showing was in his hometown at the Slidell Municipal Auditorium and featured the town mayor along with other political and civic leaders from the community.



"A crescent city legend in visual art"

Robert E. Trudeau

Viewer



A New Kind of Talk Show

Veteran journalist Keith Spera has conducted thousands of interviews with everyone from Jerry Seinfeld to Janet Jackson to Billy Joel. His award-winning columns appear in the Times-Picayune newspaper and its affiliated website NOLA.com

In ***Let's Talk with Keith Spera***, a new weekly program on WLAE, he invites viewers to sit in on his conversations. His more casual approach – you'll never see him in a coat and tie – is substantive not stuffy, which allows subjects to relax and open up about themselves, what they do and why. It's fresh talk with insights, attributes and anecdotes. First season guests have included musician Trombone Shorty, singing car salesman Ronnie Lamarque, and actor Harry Shearer to name a few.

Let's Talk airs on WLAE-TV at 7:30 pm on Thursday nights, and can also be found on our YouTube channel @WLAETV, other social media platforms such as Facebook and X, WWNO public radio and excerpts in print on NOLA.com and The Times-Picayune newspaper.

*"Congrats on your first season of **Let's Talk**. I have really enjoyed watching and listening."*

Michael Paz

Viewer





Finale!

The WLAE cameras were rolling as Maestro Carlos Miguel Prieto conducted his final concert with the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra after a 17 year career at the helm of the organization.

This historic concert at the famed Orpheum Theatre serves as the backdrop for a soon to be released documentary on the legacy and history of the conductor and his classical music contributions to New Orleans. Look for the film in the Spring of 2024.



FORMED NOTRE DAME SEMINARY & THE PATH TO PRIESTHOOD



In 2023, Notre Dame Seminary celebrated its 100th anniversary! In recognition of the importance of this New Orleans institution, WLAE commemorated this milestone with the documentary ***Formed – Notre Dame Seminary & the Path to Priesthood***.

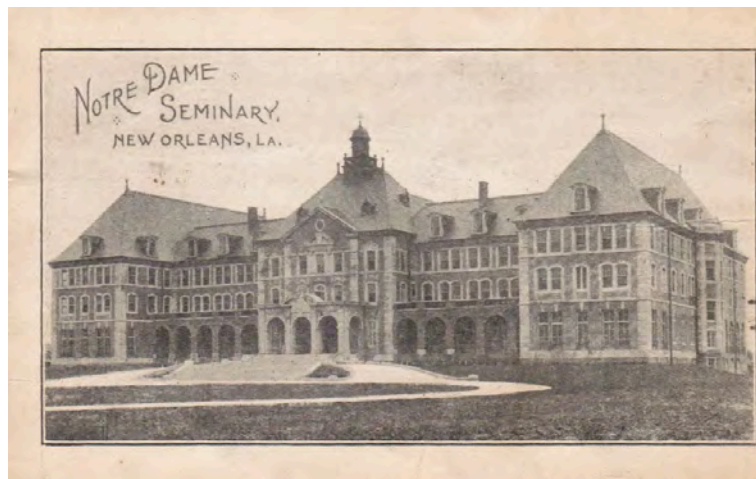
Navigating growing pains through the Great Depression, World War II, Korea and Vietnam, the Civil Rights movement, Vatican II and Hurricane Katrina, the Seminary has adapted and changed with the times. Included in the centennial celebration film is the historic visit from Pope John Paul II staying at the Archbishop's Residence at Notre Dame for two days in 1987.

Most importantly, the film recounts the blessings that the majestic Beaux-Arts style Seminary has brought to the city, the Archdiocese and the Church over the past century, and the expansion of its campus and curriculum, which now includes theology degrees for lay people.

Over 300 attendees enjoyed the film premiere and reception held at Schulte Hall on the Seminary campus.

"Another masterpiece production from WLAE celebrating the 100 year history of Notre Dame Seminary."

Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond
Archbishop of New Orleans



We're Local And Educational

Throughout each month WLAE produces several local programs with content educating viewers on topics including health, crime, housing, sports, faith and local news & events.



Affordable Housing Matters

Hosted by award-winning journalist Norman Robinson, this program offers viewers discussion and resources on all aspects of Affordable Housing in the metro New Orleans area.



Inside New Orleans Sports

A weekly live sports show covering Saints, Pelicans, LSU, Tulane & Prep Sports with members of the local media.



Coping Today

This program offers viewers weekly tips on how to cope in this ever-changing world and features interviews with various University of Holy Cross counseling experts across a wide scope of mental health issues. This program celebrated its 100th episode in August of 2023.



Conversations with Ed Marshall

Media personality Ed Marshall interviews guests from local non-profits, politics and civic organizations.



Daily Mass

Live from Historic St. Louis Cathedral on weekdays & Sundays and from the Basilica of St. Stephen on Saturdays.



Faith & Marriage Today

Jason Angelette and Lisa Flood highlight the latest in local Catholic news with interviews and discussion topics.



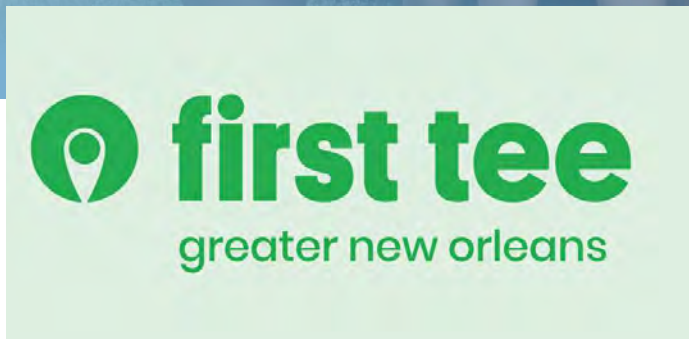
NOLA Crime Crisis

Monthly program discussing the #1 issue in New Orleans and possible solutions to making the city a safe place to live, work and prosper. Guests have included New Orleans District Attorney Jason Williams, Civil Sheriff Susan Hutson and new appointed Police Chief Anne Kirkpatrick.



Primetime Sports with Scott Alexander

Featuring the biggest sports and entertainment stars from Louisiana and the entire Gulf Coast region. Scott Alexander brings weekly in depth interviews with players, coaches, local celebrities, artists and more.



In The Community

WLAE is a media partner with the First Tee of Greater New Orleans.

First Tee is a youth development organization that enables kids to build the strength of character that empowers them through a lifetime of new challenges. By seamlessly integrating the game of golf with a life skills curriculum, First Tee creates active learning experiences that build inner strength, self-confidence, and resilience that kids can carry to everything they do, Building Game Changers through junior golf.





Honoring Academic Achievement

In partnership with our parent company, The Willwoods Community, WLAE recognized the outstanding achievements of three students from Archbishop Shaw High School and St. Mary's Academy with a Father Tom Chambers Scholastic Award

Students were nominated by their school and interviewed by our awards committee. The criteria for the award focused on students who demonstrated leadership, self-confidence, positive thinking and strong Catholic values. Each of the recipients received a commemorative plaque and a cash award.

The female winner was Laila Stokes, an honor roll student at St. Mary's Academy active in Key Club, Flag Team, Yearbook and as a volunteer at St. Leo the Great. Laila is now attending Howard University as a Pre-Med major.

This year, the committee chose two male winners. Kobe Nguyen was a school leader and member of the National Honor Society and champion wrestler. He is majoring in Kinesiology at LSU. Our other recipient was Camden Newsham, who was a member of the Spanish Honor Society, Key Club and a Pro-Life participant. He is majoring in Accounting at UNO.

To be recognized for my work—both academic and within the community—has been very humbling and hopefully one day, I will be able to pay it forward.

Gratefully, Camden Newsham

WLAE Wins Awards



The WLAE documentary film, ***Battlegrounds – The Lost Community of Fazendeville*** was honored with several national, regional and local awards in 2023.

The program received a national Telly Award for Best Documentary.

The show was honored with a Suncoast Emmy Award for Best Diversity, Equity and Inclusion program and won Best Documentary from the Press Club of New Orleans.

Congratulations to all on team WLAE for winning these awards!



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Ron Yager

*President
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